



2016-17 California Climate Investments CAL FIRE Landscape Scale Forest Health



The 2016-17 CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant Program will use funds provided by the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for California Climate Investments. Through the Forest Health Grant Program, CAL FIRE funds and implements projects to proactively restore forest health in order to reduce greenhouse gases, to protect upper watersheds where the state's water supply originates, to promote the long-term storage of carbon in forest trees and soils, minimize the loss of forest carbon from large, intense wildfires, and to further the goals of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Assembly Bill 32, Health and Safety Code Section 38500 et seq.) (AB 32).

The 2016-17 Forest Health Grant projects must focus on large, landscape-scale forestlands composed of one or more landowners, which may cover multiple jurisdictions. Projects must be comprised of logical management units and greater consideration will be given to organizations with a proven record of success in achieving consensus-based solutions between stakeholder groups with different priorities and perspectives. These organizations are expected to handle many of the logistical tasks involved in contacting and recruiting a large number of landowners for these cooperative landscape level projects.

Forest Health GGRF Grant projects may include reforestation, fuel reduction, pest management, conservation, and biomass utilization intended to increase forest health, increase carbon storage in forests, reduce wildfire emissions and protect upper watersheds, where much of the State's water supply originates. Projects that implement a mix of these activities, with multiple partners will be given priority. Eligible applicants include federal land management agencies (excluding conservation easements), state land management agencies, Native American tribes, private forest landowners, resource conservation districts, fire safe councils, land trusts, landowner organizations, conservation groups, and non-profit organizations.



Final Forest Health Procedural Guidelines, call for Concept Proposals: **CAL FIRE will be accepting Concept Proposals until COB, April 7, 2017.**